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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Sir:

I, Dr. Arnold P. Nerenberg, hereby declare as follows:

1. I received a Ph.D. degree in Psychology from the University of Texas in 1969.
2. I have been licensed by the State of California as a Psychologist since 1974.
3. I am an inventor in the above-indicated application for a patent. As an inventor, I am thoroughly familiar with the subject matter of Death Visualization Therapy which is described and claimed in the present invention.
4. I have practiced Death Visualization Therapy, as described and claimed in the present invention, with about 30 clients and have found Death Visualization Therapy to be very useful. The following findings are included among my findings of usefulness of Death Visualization Therapy. The invention includes: directing a first person to see a second person as being in a coffin; and instructing the first person to speak to the second person. As a result of the Death Visualization Therapy, I have found the first person to become much more aware of: how much he or she loves the second person, how much he or she appreciates the second person, and how much he or she would miss the second person if the second person were to die. I have also

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observed the first person to expresses regret for disrespect previously shown to the second person by the first person. I have observed the first person to express a desire to have a second chance to improve his or her relationship with the second person. Generally, I have observed a strengthening of emotional bonding between the first person and the second person. I have found the benefits of Death Visualization Therapy described *supra* to generally persist beyond the direct Death Visualization Therapy experience. Based on my observations and professional experience, I expect the benefits of Death Visualization Therapy to persist for months or years depending on the nature and facts of the prior relationship between the first person and the second person.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 1/8/01

Signature: Arnold P. Nerenberg
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